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Prophetarum Vitae Fabulosae Indices Apostolorum Discipulorumque Domini Dorotheo, Epiphanio, Hippolyto Alisque Vindicata. Edidit THEODORUS SCHERMANN. Leipzig: Teubner, 1907. Pp. lxxi + 255. M. 5.60.

The two parts of this work, the lives of the prophets and the catalogues of the apostles and disciples, though otherwise unconnected, are published together here only because they are either handed down under the names of the same authors, or are found together in the same manuscripts. Both, moreover, had their home in Syria.

Schermann thinks that the source of the fabulous lives of the prophets was a Greek document—a translation perhaps of a Hebrew original—written by a Jew some time between 150 b. c. and 150 a. d. and containing only biographical and legendary statements. Afterward Christian authors added Messianic prophecies similar to the Christian interpolations in the *Lives of the Twelve Patriarchs*. Of the six recensions of the Greek text which he distinguishes, the oldest is an anonymous work derived ultimately from Origen. Next comes the text of Dorotheus, presbyter of Antioch (290 a. d.), not the bishop of Tyre, in which the Messianic prophecies being put first as prefaces in the case of the minor prophets leave the lives that follow free from Christian additions, and so in this text alone is preserved “the pure biographical form of the original.” It remains to mention two closely related recensions of the pseudo-Epiphanius of the sixth century, then the so-called scholia-recension of the same age, and finally one preserved in the Greek menologies and synaxaria, not published here because it is a mixture of the others.

The second part of the book contains (1) the legendary catalogues of the apostles, showing where they preached, how they died and where they lie buried, and (2) the lists of the seventy disciples. They are handed down to us in two groups of texts, Syriac and Greek, from a common Syriac source. The Greek recensions date from the sixth to the twelfth century, the oldest having been discovered by Schermann in the Vatican. Others are falsely ascribed to Epiphanius, Dorotheus, Hippolytus, and Symeon Logothetes. The whole subject is fully and satisfactorily discussed by our author in his recent work *Propheten- und Apostellegenden* in volume 31 of Harnack’s *Texte und Untersuchungen*.

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T. LUCRETI CARI. *De rerum natura.* Edited by WILLIAM AUGUSTUS MERRILL. American Book Company. Pp. 806.

Editors and teachers of Lucretius will always emphasize that aspect of the *De rerum natura*, philological, literary, or philosophical, that inter-